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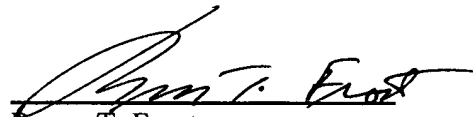
Claim 2 is rewritten in independent form to incorporate all limitations of the former base claim, and Claim 3 is rewritten to depend from Claim 2. Claim 1 is cancelled, as all limitations from that claim are now incorporated into Claim 2. Claims 2 and 3 remain, with both claims previously indicated as allowable in substance.

Claims 2 and 3 also are revised to remove mention of specific reference numerals relating to the disclosed embodiment, thereby placing those claims more in accord with U.S. practice.

The foregoing is submitted as fully responsive to the Office action identified above. The Applicant respectfully submits that the present application now is in condition for allowance and solicits a notice to that effect.

Respectfully submitted,

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